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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2684

Introduced by Assembly Member Stone
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Cooley and Fong)
(Coauthor: Senator Evans)

February 21, 2014

An act to add Section 1120.5 to the Fish and Game Code, relating to fish.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2684, as amended, Stone. Hatchery practices: salmon and steelhead.

Existing law requires the Fish and Game Commission to establish fish hatcheries for stocking the waters of California with fish and requires the Department of Fish and Wildlife to maintain and operate such hatcheries. Existing law also authorizes county boards of supervisors to establish and maintain fish hatcheries and authorizes the commission to issue permits to nonprofit organizations to construct and operate anadromous fish hatcheries.

This bill would require the department to implement specified policies and practices for hatchery chinook ~~salmon, coho salmon, and steelhead~~ *salmon* reared or released in California waters, including a requirement that hatchery chinook ~~salmon, coho salmon, and steelhead~~ *salmon* released in California waters be externally marked on the top fin ~~at a level in a percentage~~ to be determined by the department and that ~~all~~ hatchery chinook ~~salmon, coho salmon, and steelhead~~ *salmon* be

coded-wire tagged in a percentage to be determined by the department prior to their release. *The bill would provide that any contract between the department and an entity responsible for funding a mitigation hatchery operated by the department shall require the responsible entity to pay the costs of coded-wire tagging hatchery chinook salmon to the extent the payment is consistent with the federal license requiring the responsible entity to fund the operation of the mitigation hatchery.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 1120.5 is added to the Fish and Game
2 Code, to read:
3 1120.5. (a) The department shall implement policies and
4 practices for hatchery chinook ~~salmon, coho salmon, and steelhead~~
5 ~~salmon~~ reared or released in California waters by adopting all of
6 the following:
7 (a)
8 (1) Hatchery practices that improve the survival and fitness of
9 the hatchery population.
10 (b)
11 (2) Hatchery practices that reduce the genetic and ecological
12 risks posed by hatchery juveniles and adults to wild and native
13 populations.
14 (c)
15 (3) A requirement that hatchery chinook ~~salmon, coho salmon,~~
16 ~~and steelhead~~ salmon released in California waters be externally
17 marked on the top fin ~~at a level in a percentage to be determined~~
18 by the department and that ~~all~~ hatchery chinook ~~salmon, coho~~
19 ~~salmon, and steelhead~~ salmon be coded-wire tagged *in a percentage*
20 *to be determined by the department* prior to their release.
21 (b) *Any contract between the department and an entity*
22 *responsible for funding a mitigation hatchery operated by the*
23 *department shall require the responsible entity to pay the costs*
24 *incurred pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) to the extent*
25 *the payment is consistent with the federal license requiring the*
26 *responsible entity to fund the operation of the mitigation hatchery.*

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